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SUBJECT: REORGANIZATION OF UN HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION;

U.S. INTERESTS

REF: A) GENEVA 3838 B) GENEVA 3623 C) STATE 114849

1. MISSION HAS LEARNED THAT SEVERAL CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE ORIGINAL HRD REORGANIZATION PLAN CITED IN REF A. ONE OF THESE MODIFICATIONS LEAVES VACANT THE P5 POSITION TO HEAD THE STAFF OF THE COMMITTEE FOR COVENANTS ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS (HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE) ORIGINALLY SLATED FOR ENAYAT HAUSHMAND (IRAN). HAUSHMAND WILL REMAIN AS OFFICER IN CHARGE OF CERDS BUT AS A SUBORDINATE TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE CHIEF.

2. MAXIME TARDU (FRANCE) WHO WAS TO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED CHIEF OF A NEW SECTION ON SPECIAL STUDIES NOW HAS BEEN RELEGATED TO AN OFFICE IN THE DISCRIMINATION SECTION HEADED BY GEORGE BRAND (UK). TARDUS' DEMOTION IS THE RESULT OF A LETTER HE WROTE TO BUFFUM EXPRESSING DISAGREEMENT WITH SOME OF THE ACTIONS TAKING PLACE IN HRD. AS REPORTED TO THE MISSION, HRD DIRECTOR VAN BOVEN WAS  
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SO OUTRAGED UPON LEARNING ABOUT THIS CORRESPONDENCE THAT HE ABOLISHED THE NEW SECTION.

3. PISAREV (USSR) A P5 HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AS SECTION CHIEF OF ADVISORY SERVICES, WHICH INCLUDES AMONG OTHER THINGS PUBLICATIONS. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MAZAUD (FRANCE) AND GEORGE BRAND REMAIN IN THE POSITIONS

REPORTED IN REF A. THE DECADE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION  
WILL BE LOCATED IN THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, WITH DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR SANON SUPERVISING THE OPERATION.

4. PATRICK MALONE (US) P5, CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
UNIT WILL BE KEPT IN HRD, CONTRARY TO REPORT COMMUNICATED  
REF A. ALTHOUGH WAYS HAVE BEEN SOUGHT TO EITHER FIRE  
MALONE OR TRANSFER HIM TO ANOTHER DIVISION, THESE  
EFFORTS HAVE PROVED FRUITLESS IN THE U.N. BUREAUCRACY  
AND VAN BOVEN HAS DECIDED TO LIVE WITH THE SITUATION.

5. THE REORGANIZATION, MISSION IS TOLD, WILL BE  
ANNOUNCED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. COMMENT: IT  
APPEARS TO MISSION THAT THE REORGANIZATION WILL HAVE  
LITTLE IMPACT ON THE CURRENT OPERATIONS OF THE DIVISION  
OR THE COMMISSION AND NONE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
NEW INITIATIVES. THE EXERCISE IS MAINLY ONE OF MOVING  
BODIES. BUT THE SAME PEOPLE WILL BE DOING THE SAME JOBS  
WITH THE SAME DEGREE OF INSPIRATION. END COMMENT.

6. IN REGARD TO PARA 3 OF REF B, SANON, IN THE COURSE  
OF A CONVERSATION CONCERNING CANDIDACY OF FRANKLIN  
JOSEPH CRAWFORD (PURSUANT TO PARA 2 OF REF C), TOLD  
MISSION OFFICER THAT HE HAD BEEN UNHAPPILY SURPRISED  
OVER QUERULOUS POSITION TAKEN BY U.S. DEL TOWARD  
ESTABLISHMENT OF P5 POSITION TO HEAD STAFF OF  
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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE. SANON SAID THAT AT THE TIME  
OF HIS MEETING WITH ACABQ, U.S. WAS NOT REPRESENTED  
BUT THAT AT SUBSEQUENT SESSION OF CCP, THE US, UK,  
BELGIAN, ARGENTINE AND SOVIET REPS ALL VOICED NEGATIVE  
ATTITUDES TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF P5 AND GS POSITIONS  
FOR THIS STAFF. THIS WILL RESULT IN UNHELPFUL CCP  
ENDORSEMENT OF THESE POSITIONS TO THE 5TH COMMITTEE,  
IN SANON'S JUDGEMENT. SANON WENT ON TO POINT OUT  
THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION'S FIRST RECOMMENDATION  
FOR A D1, A P4, AND A P3 AND TWO GS'S TO STAFF THIS  
COMMITTEE HAD BEEN DECLINED BY ACABQ, UPON WHICH HRD  
HAD LOWERED PROPOSED STAFF TO A P5, A P4 AND TWO GS'S.  
OF THESE, A P4 AND A GS ARE ON BOARD IN TEMPORARY STATUS  
UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1978, WHEN THESE POSITIONS WILL  
EITHER BE CONVERTED TO PERMANENT STATUS OR DROPPED.  
IF APPROVED, THE SECOND GS AND THE P5 WOULD ALSO TAKE  
EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 1978. THESE WOULD REPRESENT  
A 2.4 PERCENT GROWTH RATE. SANON EMPHASIZED THAT  
THIS WAS MINIMAL STAFF TO SUPPORT THIS COMMITTEE, AND  
THAT THE REQUIREMENT HAD BEEN IMPOSED UPON HRD WHEN  
ARTICLES 35 AND 36 OF THE COVENANT ENTERED INTO  
FORCE IN 1976. HE AGAIN URGENTLY ENLISTED US

SUPPORT FOR THESE POSITIONS IN THE 5TH COMMITTEE.

7. SUMMARIZING, THERE ARE CURRENTLY THREE P5 VACANCIES IN THE HRD: SECRETARY FOR THE DECADE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION; CHIEF OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE; AND CHIEF OF THE HRD LIAISON OFFICE IN NEW YORK. THE LATTER POSITION COULD BE OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE SINCE THE CHIEF OF THAT OPERATION ALSO SERVES AS SECRETARY TO THE THIRD COMMITTEE. WHILE CURRENT PROSPECTS APPEAR PROMISING FOR PLACING AMCIT RON DAVIDSON (REF B) IN ONE OF THESE POSITIONS (HE WAS RECENTLY BROUGHT FROM AMMAN TO GENEVA FOR AN INTERVIEW AT HRD EXPENSE), WE HAVE NO GUARANTEE THAT THIS WILL BE DONE. THE CASE FOR CRAWFORD SEEMS EVEN LESS SURE. CONFIDENTIAL

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AND, ALTHOUGH SANON URGENTLY WANTS U.S. HELP IN SECURING THE P5 HUMAN RIGHTS POSITION, HE HAS GIVEN US NO FIRM INDICATION THAT HE OR VAN BOVEN WILL PUSH FOR PLACING AN AMERICAN IN THAT VACANCY. THEREFORE MISSION BELIEVES THAT DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONFER WITH BUFFUM ABOUT PLACING AMERICANS IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED POSITIONS.

WE CONTINUE TO JUDGE THAT VAN BOVEN MAY PLACE OTHER NATIONALS IN CURRENT VACANCIES UNLESS IT IS STRONGLY INDICATED BY BUFFUM THAT AMERICANS SHOULD BE HIRED.SORENSEN

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